

Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event measures students' knowledge to make accurate observations of livestock. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education. Students are able to determine animals' traits then make logical decisions based on their observations. This event serves as a link for students to exhibit what they have learned in the classroom through hands on experience, which is preparing them for careers in the livestock and related industries.

Common Core & State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the 2010 Common Core Standards and State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event teaches students about English Language Arts and 21st-Century Life and Careers standards. Some examples of how the Livestock CDE is meeting these standards are:

Students will: adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating a command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

- Through agricultural education, students learn communication skills and technical terminologies as they relate to the evaluation of livestock. [SL.11-12.6. English Language Arts: Speaking and Listening – Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas]

Students will: integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.

- Agricultural Education students develop comprehension and critical analysis skills through identification and evaluation of animals through media (slides, videos, and computer CD-ROM). [SL.11-12.2. – English Language Arts - Speaking and Listening: Comprehension and Collaboration]

All students who complete a career and technical education program will acquire academic and technical skills for careers in emerging and established professions that lead to technical skill proficiency, credentials, certificates, licenses, and/or degrees.

- ❖ (A.) Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Career Cluster: (3) Animal Systems: 9.4.12.A.(3).2 - Describe and implement the principles of animal production and management in domesticated and/or natural environments, applying knowledge of anatomy and physiology to enhance animal production.
 - Students will learn key principles of animal production and management through participation in the Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event. [9.4 - 21st-Century Life and Careers: Career and Technical Education – A. Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Career Cluster: (3) Animal Systems]

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will consist of two (2) phases including judging classes (12 minutes for each placing class and 15 minutes for each oral reason class) and oral reasons. The number of classes is determined by Delaware Valley College. Material will be distributed to teams prior to the event. A chapter may have a team of four (4), and all four (4) scores are used in determining the team's rank. For more details on this event, [click here](#) to consult the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#).

Scoring for the New Jersey Event

(other scoring will occur on the national level)

Phase I - 3** - Placing Cattle Classes - 50 points per class
3** - Placing Sheep Classes - 50 points per class
2** - Placing Hog Classes - 50 points per class
Phase II - 1 - Cattle Reasons - 50 points
1 - Sheep Reasons - 50 points
1 - Hog Reasons - 50 points
Team Total – 1650 points Individual Total - 550

[Click here to discover the Career Opportunities, SAE Opportunities and Proficiency Award Areas that correspond to the Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event.!](#)

* Data performance sheets may be provided for any given class.

**Number of Classes may vary from year to year